

Fact Sheet

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Established November 10, 1978 by act of Congress—*"In order to provide for the preservation, restoration, and interpretation of the Spanish Missions of San Antonio, Texas..."*

Annual Visitation:

1996 -1,239,970	1997 - 1,328,958	1998 - 1,118,905
1999 - 1,224,178	2000 - 1,393,894	2001 - 1,370,082

Almost 60% of park visitors are over 45 years of age, 85% of visitor groups have at least one member from out of town; 8% are international visitors, 44% are from Texas

Hours of Operation: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. year-round; closed Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day

Operating Budget: \$3.0 million federal appropriation

Approximately \$693,250.00 in fiscal year 2001 for special projects from the National Park Service, Los Compadres, the park friends group, and Western National Parks Association, the cooperating association

Staffing: Approximately 71 employees (51 permanent, up to 20 temporary);
Volunteers: 94; cooperating association: 3

Land Acquisition: Total acreage—819; approximately 623 in public ownership

Current Projects: Development of a "Discovery Center" at the historic Harris House

Returning water to the San Juan Acequia

Implementation of the Mission Trails Project

Major Future Projects: Spanish Colonial Demonstration Farm at Mission San Juan

Development of Rancho de las Cabras near Floresville

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